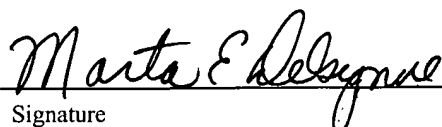


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<b>BAKER BOTTS LLP</b> TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35.U.S.C. 371		EXPRESS MAIL LABEL No. <b>EF321686401US</b>	DATE 04/16/01
		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. <b>A32011-A-PCT-USA</b>	
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>09/807663</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/US99/23902</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>14 October 1999</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>14 October 1998</b>	
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>IMMOBILIZED SILVER IMMUNASSAY SYSTEM</b>			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Antonio A. Garcia and Matthew R. Bonen</b>			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated /Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li><li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).</li><li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19<sup>th</sup> month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li><li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li></ol></li><li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li><li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li><li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau</li><li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li><li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li></ol></li><li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li><li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li><li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li></ol> <p><b>Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409)</li><li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li><li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li><li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li><li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li><li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)</li><li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409)</li></ol></li></ol>			

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b>  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) Nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO (1.492(a)(3)) \$1,000.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO (1.492(a)(5)) \$860.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO (1.492(a)(2)) \$710.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) (1.492(a)(1)) \$690.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 100.00  <b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$ 860</b>				<u>CALCULATIONS</u> <small>PTOUSE ONLY</small>			
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)).				\$			
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	\$			
Total Claims	23 -20=	3	X \$ 18.00	\$		54	
Independent Claims	8 -3=	5	X \$ 80.00	\$		400	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	\$			
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$		1,314	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable.				\$		657	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$		657	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$			
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$		657	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$			
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$		657	
				<b>Amt. refunded</b>		\$	
				<b>charged</b>		\$	
a. [ ] A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge our Deposit Account No. <u>02-4377</u> in amount of \$ <sup>657</sup> _____ to cover the above fees. A copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-4377</u> . A copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>  SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10112-4498							
				 Signature 04/16/01 Date			

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